



Tempe Art in Private Development



Holiday Inn Express

1520 W. Baseline Road

Garry Price

Communication Circle, 1998

Stone, concrete and steel

Description: This sculptural water feature is centered in front of the porte-cochere area of Holiday Inn Express (formerly Amerisuites Hotel), a business travelers' hotel. Visitors use it for informal meetings and as a waiting area. The sandblasted stone tiles in the floor are engraved with local trivia covering geography, weather and culture; providing information to new visitors and acting as an "icebreaker" in business meetings. Garry Price notes, "I'm drawn to the seams of the world. The edges between the riparian zone and forest, fast water and smooth flow currents, industrial and residential, layers in a cliff face. It's the dialog of differences that spark my curiosity. A direct conversation of disparate elements is what I work to visually describe."

Artist biography: Garry Price has been doing art projects that strive to enhance a public place, creating sculptures that add vitality, significance and elegance to the community experience. He works to enliven the site with a glimpse of the rich layers of human and natural history that give meaning to a place. Price's projects have used functional elements and sculpture in many materials to design attractive and thoughtful public places. He has a strong ability to conceptualize and work with a wide range of materials to create works that go beyond easy interpretation and can sustain interest over repeated viewings. Materials choices are determined by the appropriateness to the site and to the idea. Price's work has been published around the globe in journals such as *Ceramics Monthly*, *Interiors*, *Interior Design* and *American Craft*.

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